Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—I do not think that Government need a reminder on a point like this. Very full statements have been made by the present Diwan regarding the settlement of the Harbour question. When the time is ripe to make some statement regarding the question of Federation a statement will be made provided it can be made without prejudice to the progress of further negotiations and without detriment to the public interests.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar (*Urakam*).—Has the Government come to a decision as to the question of joining the Federation?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar (*Secretary to Government*).—It has not.

Nettoor Thodu—silting of.

82. Mr. A. Narayana Menon (*Vyttila*).—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) are the Government aware of the silting of the Nettoor Thodu;

(b) for how long has this been going on;

(c) does not this thodu provide cheap short cut water communications to Trippunittura and eastern villages; is not its proper preservation necessary for the commercial advancement of these places?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*).—

(a) and (b) It was noticed in last Edavam that there was a certain amount of silting in the thodu rendering it difficult for heavily laden valloms to navigate.

(c) Yes.

License fees—Motor Boats—collection of.

83. Mr. George Parakkal (*Narakkal*).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether any instalment system in the levy of the license fees of the motor boats licensed in the State is practised;

(b) if the answer to sub division (a) of the question is in the affirmative, how many instalments are allowed;

(c) if the answer to sub-division (a) of the question is in the negative, will the Government consider the necessity of

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